

## BOOK REVIEW

STEWART MCPHERSON. 2008. **Glistening Carnivores: The Sticky-Leaved Insect-Eating Plants.** (ISBN 978-0-9558918-1-6, hbk.). Redfern Natural History Productions, 61 Lake Drive, Hamworthy, Poole, Dorset BH15 4LR, England, United Kingdom. (**Orders:** [www.redfernnaturalhistory.com](http://www.redfernnaturalhistory.com), [sales@redfernnaturalhistory.com](mailto:sales@redfernnaturalhistory.com), +44-1202-686585). £29.99 (US \$46.15), 392 pp., 271 color photos, 1 b&w figure, 7 maps, 6 1/4" × 9 1/4".

Amongst a sea of other botanical publications, *Glistening Carnivores* stands out to me as a very interesting read. With a large (and very artistic, I might add), high-quality image on nearly every page, it is hard to pull your nose out of this book. The layout of the text is a detailed walk through the many varieties of carnivorous plants with each genus and species discussed in great detail. McPherson outlines nearly every aspect of this intriguing field and provides the reader with a solid foundation. I would recommend this book to anyone who has an interest in learning more about the world of carnivorous plants.—Haden Shibley, Volunteer, Botanical Research Institute of Texas, 500 E 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102-4025, U.S.A.

*From the publisher:* "The seven genera of sticky-leaved insect-eating plants are uniquely beautiful and captivate the interest of all who behold them. Each produces shimmering leaves lined with glistening droplets of glue that attract, trap and kill insects and other small animals. This work examines all seven genera of sticky-leaved insect eating plants (*Byblis*, *Drosera*, *Drosophyllum*, *Ibicella*, *Pinguicula*, *Roridula* and *Triphyophyllum*) and documents their wild ecology and natural diversity in full detail and in many cases, for the very first time..."

"**Stewart McPherson** is a British geographer who has studied at the University of Durham in England, the University of Tuebingen in Germany, and Yale University in the United States. Fascinated with the sticky-leaved insect-eating plants from an early age, he prepared this work as an overview of the diversity, wild ecology and beauty of this fascinating group of plants... *Glistening Carnivores* is the product of four years of research and travel and is his third book."